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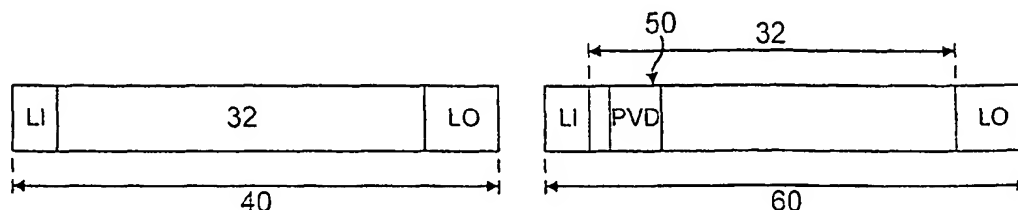
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(57) Abstract: Conventionally, multiple session discs are provided with backward going pointers (P). It is now disclosed that it is possible to navigate a multiple session disc without the provision of such pointers (P). A multiple session optical disc which also acts to copy protect audio data has a first audio session (40) and a second data session (60). The data session (60) has a Lead-In (LI), a program area (32), and a Lead-Out (LO). It also has a primary volume descriptor (50) containing control data identifying the files within the data session but there is no pointer from the Lead-Out (LO) of the session (60) to any part of the program area (32). The audio session (40) has a program area (32) extending between the Lead-In (LI) and the Lead-Out (LO). To copy protect the audio information, the audio data (40) is hidden from a data reader. For example, the Lead-In (LI) to the audio session (40) and the Lead-In (LI) to the data session (60) may each erroneously identify the data in the audio session as data.